

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 23-02

Declaring a Peacetime Emergency and Providing National Guard Assistance in Preparation for a Severe Winter Storm

I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

The National Weather Service has forecast a multi-day, powerful winter storm with heavy snowfall and strong winds starting today. The storm could create blizzard-like conditions over a large part of Minnesota, and it is likely to close roads and threaten public safety.

In past storms of this severity, dangerous conditions have threatened life and property, stranding vehicles, causing power outages, and straining public safety resources. The resources of affected local and county governments will be inadequate to meet the demands caused by the coming severe winter weather conditions.

Minnesota state agencies are closely coordinating to prepare. The Minnesota National Guard Adjutant General, the Commissioner of Public Safety, and the Commissioner of Transportation have requested that the Minnesota National Guard prepare to assist with the rescue of stranded motorists and other emergency assistance.

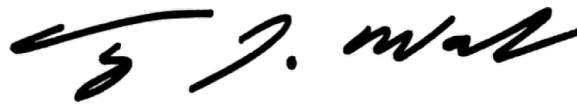
For these reasons, I declare a peacetime emergency pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 12.31, and order as follows:

1. Adjutant General is authorized to order to state active duty on February 21, 2023 the personnel, equipment, facilities, and resources needed to provide assistance throughout Minnesota.
2. The Adjutant General is authorized to procure the goods and services needed to accomplish the mission.
3. The costs of this assistance will be paid from the general fund as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 192.52.

This Executive Order and declaration of peacetime emergency are effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 4.035, subdivision 2. The peacetime emergency declared in this Executive Order expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 12.31, subdivision 2. The remainder of this Executive Order, including the activation of the Minnesota National Guard, remains in effect until the emergency conditions caused by the winter storm subside or February 28, 2023, whichever occurs first.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

Signed on February 21, 2023.



Tim Walz
Governor

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